(c) Yes Sir. Only those professionals who have worked in the USA for more than 10 years are permitted to repatriate their pension and social security contributions.

(d) The matter has been taken up with the US Government from time to time. However, no favourable response has been received so far.

Dumping of electronic and other waste in India by developed countries

2967. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that developed countries are using India as dumping ground for their electronic and other garbages; if so, the details of such items dumped in India in last two years;

(b) whether Government has made any study of the impact of such waste product on the environment; if so. details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps have been taken so far to prevent it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) to (c) The ITC(HS) Classification of Export and Import items, 2004—2009 lays down that imports of hazardous waste into India shall be subject to the provisions of Hazardous Waste (Management and Handling) Amendment Rules, 2003.

Electronic and other waste is included under List A and List B of Schedule-3 of the Hazardous Wastes (Management and Handling) Rules, 1989 as amended from time to time. The import of this waste, therefore, requires specific permission of the Ministry of Environment and Forests. No such permission has been given by the Ministry till date.

Call for ending farmers subsidies by developed countries

2968. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA:
SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether in his address to the G-20 meeting held recently the Minister